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Council Again Discusses Money Problems

The Elba City Council opened the Tuesday night meeting with an hour-long discussion of the recreation program with Recreation Director Bo Dunaway. The discussion covered most aspects of the program but centered mostly around the development of the park facilities in Mulberry Heights. Previously the council had voted to move forward rapidly with completing the lighting of the Mulberry Park. Mayor Sam Sawyer reported to the council that there is renewed hope of getting some federal help on the streets, building a new library and in remodeling the existing National Guard Armory into a city hall after the proposed new armory is completed. He was given authority to contract with an architect to draw plans for the remodeling and to prepare a plan for the paving. The library plans have been previously prepared. All these plans are prepared by architects with the understanding they will be paid only if the project is approved and funded by the federal government. Sawyer also reported to the council that after he and City Clerk Jack Prescott researched the insurance proposal presented at the last meeting as instructed to do by the council, they decided not to change the insurance carrier. Councilman Wayland Sharpless made a motion that a part-time student be hired to help the Police Department keep up with the added paperwork thrust on the department by new state and federal regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Virgil Coleman. Indiscussion Sharpless explained that he had in mind using a high-school student for the job and that there were a number of qualified students at Elba High School. Coleman said he felt this would serve two purposes: first, getting the work completed, and second and equally as important, it would give a student experience needed to prepare him (or her) for making a living, and it was experience that could not be learned from books. Councilman Charles Ellis said that until it was determined how the city was going to pay the present employees, he could not support the hiring of additional people. Councilman Ben Carpenter

stated that he felt the work could be done by present personnel. When the vote was taken, Sharpless and Coleman voted in favor of the motion, and Ellis, Carpenter and Councilman Ronnie Vaughan voted against the action, and it failed by a 3-2 vote. The council was informed that the survey on extending the Elba City limits would be ready by the first meeting in April. Mayor Sawyer informed the council that he had received acknowledgements from both Senator Allen and Representative Dickinson on the request for federal funds to upgrade the Elba electrical system. Both indicated they were researching the matter and would forward any information uncovered. City Clerk Prescott informed the group he had made reservations for the entire group at a Birmingham motel for the League of Municipalities convention during May. He asked if any councilman was not planning to attend. Councilman Wayland Sharpless stated he would not attend and felt the city could not afford the expense of anyone going. He said Elba could pay a 10 student to help in the Police Department for a full year on the expenses of one councilman in Birmingham. A chorus of voices chimed in and informed Sharpless they felt the City profited many times over from the information the officials gained at the convention. ***The next item for discussion was to view a proposed budget for the city. It was for the present fiscal year which is almost half gone. The budget, prepared by City Clerk and the city's auditors, was based largely on last year's audit report of actual expenditures. It indicated that the City would operate at a deficit of over \$75,000 during the year. The councilmen began discussing the prepared statements and expressed concern over the projected need for more funds to carry on the city. They proposed several methods of getting the expenses in line with the income. These included meeting with heads of each department and working out

actual needs; telling each department to cut 12% across the board, adding additional taxes. Councilman Ellis pointed out that without further investigation, the Council didn't know how much additional tax was needed. It was also pointed out that to cut the expenses now to stay within the projected income, it would take a 20-24% cut since the year is almost half gone. The council will meet next Monday night in a special meeting to work with the Police Department and with the Street Department in determining actual needs. At that time they will be presented a report on just how much the department has cost thus far in the 1975-76 fiscal year. ***Councilman Vaughan reminded the group of the report from the Federal Aviation Authority that said the peccan trees

in Co-Lin Trailer Park had to be either topped or cut down for the safety of aircraft taking off on the North-South runway or the runway would be closed. This is the longest runway at the airport. Also, he noted that there is a demand for aviation fuel at the airport, and after some discussion, the city clerk was instructed to check into this for the airport manager Dean Kyle. ***As the meeting was about to adjourn, David Specht, of the DAILY LEDGER asked for an explanation on behalf of the press as to just why the city was suddenly in such bad shape financially. Several city officials offered explanations. They included the fact that the Water and Electric Board can no longer afford to pass money to the city as it has in the past; inflation increasing expenses but not monies for the City;

several large expenditures that have since proven to have been unwise in the eyes of the present officials - these include a television camera inspection of the sewer system and an indirect cost report reportedly to use to get additional funds on federal grants. Mayor Sawyer was concerned that the TV inspection may have actually damaged the sewer pipes and noted that the indirect cost factor had been turned down on every federal grant applied for since it was completed. Councilman Sharpless added: "This council is also at fault." He continued by saying: "We have not accepted our responsibility and have continually pushed back any decision on the matter."



Mrs. Joyce Austin, Mrs. Annie Lou Sampler, Mr. H. L. Grimes, Mrs. Allen, Mr. Blue Barber and Mrs. Evelyn Reeves.

Mrs. Allen Speaks To Legion

Mrs. Melba Till Allen, Alabama State Treasurer, was the featured speaker at the American Legion's celebration of its 75th birthday last Tuesday night. The members enjoyed a covered dish supper with Mrs. Allen and other visitors as their guests. Among these were: Mrs. Joyce Austin, District President of American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Annie Lou Sampler, State President of the American Legion Auxiliary; and Mr. Blue Barber, Alternate National Executive Committeeman, from Troy.

Mr. Haywood Grimes is the Commander of the Elba Legion, and Mrs. Evelyn Reeves is president of the Legion Auxiliary.



Cub Scouts Entertain At Banquet

Reverend Robert Davis and his wife Pat look over some of the results of hobby creations at the Cub Scout Banquet Saturday night. The event was held at the Elba Elementary School. Guest speaker was Roy Shoffner, managing editor of The Daily Ledger. He spoke to the youths and their parents on Day After Tomorrow Challenge.



Another Wreck At Intersection

A two car accident Tuesday afternoon sent three people to the Elba General Hospital with injuries. The accident happened at the intersection of Highway 125 (Brundidge Highway) and 167 (Mecalf Road) at about 5:25 p.m. According to officers at the scene, a 1974 Ford driven by Robert Smith of Thomasville, Ala., was traveling South on 167 and a 1964 Chevrolet driven by Sara Sexton was traveling North on 125 when the accident occurred. The Elba Rescue Squad rushed the victims to the hospital and Trooper R. W. Whitworth investigated the accident.

Future Bright At Dorsey

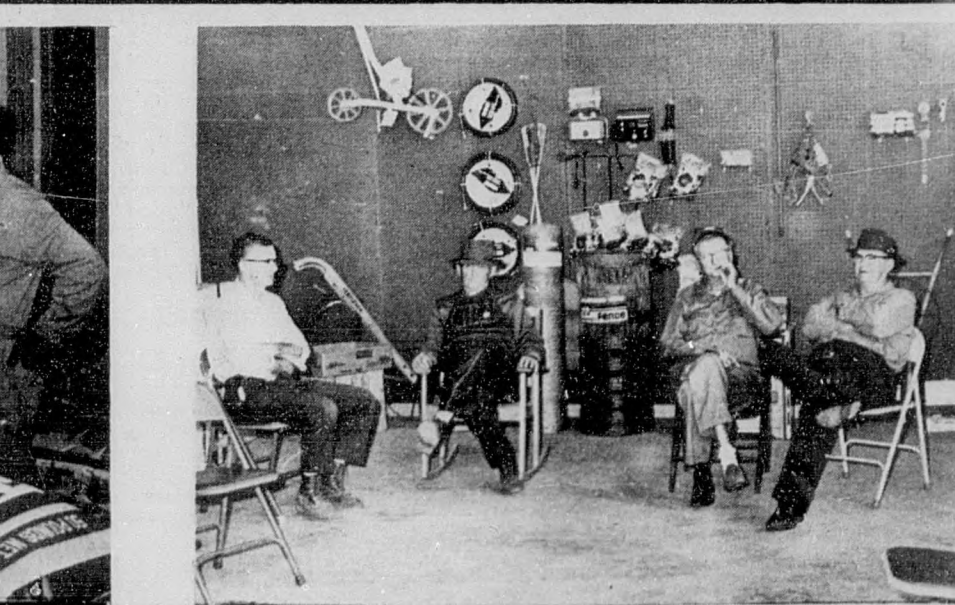
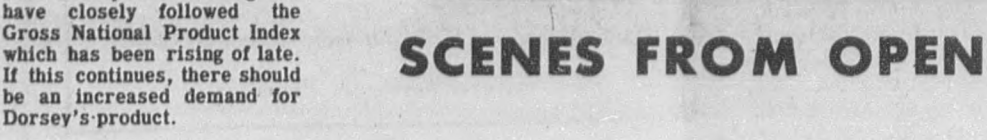
Wednesday afternoon of this week representatives of this newspaper met in the office of President George Collier with President Collier and Vice President Sam Collier. The two were beaming with happiness at the actual sound of customers increasing existing orders for trailers and demanding shipment of previous orders. Sandwiched in with the above described activities, the following prepared statement was given the final OK and released to keep the people of Elba abreast of the progress at Elba's home-grown and home-supporting Dorsey Trailers:

George Collier, President, Dorsey Trailers, Inc., announced today (Wednesday) that since January 1 of this year the company has recalled over 180 employees from layoff. This figure represents 88% of those employees eligible to return. Mr. Collier further stated that all employees have been given an opportunity to return to work, and some few of these were offered work in different classifications from which they were laid off, but have elected to forego the recall and remain on layoff to their particular classification. He expressed a strong hope that all employees desiring to return would be recalled in the not too distant future. Due to the depressed sales in the cargo trailer industry, earnings have been at about the break-even point. However, trailer shipments have closely followed the gross have closely followed the Gross National Product Index which has been rising of late. If this continues, there should be an increased demand for Dorsey's product.



Boutwell Buys Tires For Just Pennies

Leavy Boutwell, right, purchased two tires from Hank Haley last Saturday. This is usually a normal "run of the mill" transaction. But Boutwell paid for the tires in pennies. There was fifty pounds of the little coppers. However he had the time to roll the money in bank wrappers of 50¢ each. Haley's only comment was "hum, it will spend won't it?"

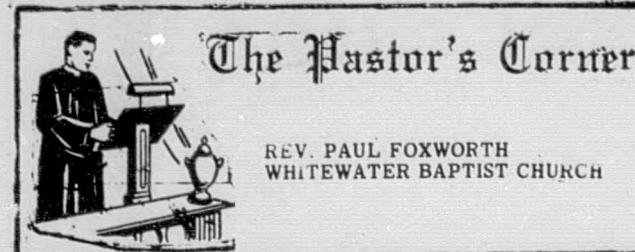


SCENES FROM OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

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POOR ORIGINAL

Church News



Simplicity Of Speech

Proverbs 18:7
"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."

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Wonderful Names Of Christ

From "OUR DAILY BREAD, FEBRUARY, 1976" by Henry G. Bosch

1. I am the way, the light, and the life.

2. I am the word of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness.

3. I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

4. I am the (Israel) of that spiritual - that followed them, and that - was Christ - and a Jewer. These symptoms can be a warning of an off life, that can be of some other serious medical problem. The best thing to do in the case of vomiting and dizziness is to contact your family physician.

5. And Jesus said unto them, I am the light of the world; he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness.

6. For even Christ, our Lord, is sacrificed for us.

7. For there is one God, and one Son, who is the Son of God, and one man, the man, Christ Jesus.

8. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and (is) a sinner.

9. ... and consider the Apostle, and the Son of our profession, Christ Jesus.

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Brock Pastor At Westside Baptist Church

Rev. James T. Brock is now pastor of the Westside Baptist Church in Elba.

His wife is Linda Brock, and they have one daughter, Lillie Ruth Brock, student at Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee.

The Brocks moved to Elba from Southport, Florida, where he served at the First Baptist Church. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Georgia, Alabama, for ten years.

He is a graduate of Sanford University in Birmingham, and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Westside WMU Gleaners Meet

The Westside WMU Gleaners met recently in the home of Mrs. Agnes Wilson.

The meeting was conducted by Mrs. Lorene Bryan. The theme was "Tomorrow Starts Today."

Members present enjoyed a covered dish supper. They discussed the Week of Prayer which is March 21 - 27.

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EXCERPTS FROM "Christ For The World"

Family Magazine, February 1976

WHAT EVERY AMERICAN HOME SHOULD BE

1. A miniature Kingdom with the Father - the King, the mother - the Queen, the children - the subjects - a complete form of Government.

2. An Industrial Shop, where work is both taught and practiced. ("An idle mind is the devil's workshop.")

3. It should be a school room, where the principles of right and wrong, truth, honesty, obedience to all laws, reverence and respect for those in authority are taught.

4. A miniature Church, where God is worshipped; where the precepts of the Bible are both taught and lived.

5. THE ALL-SUFFICIENT CHRIST TO EVERY PARTICULAR OCCUPATION & NEED

To the Baker, He is the Bread

To the Doctor, He is the Great Physician

To the Geologist He is the Rock of Ages

To the Farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest

To the Jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price

To the Electrician He is the Light of the world

To the Architect He is the Chief Corner Stone

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Arts Festival Deadline Drawing Near

Contestants who plan to enter this year's Spring Arts Festival are reminded that the deadline is Friday, March 26. All entries must be submitted by 8:30 p.m. of that day.

Entries in the Literary Division must meet an earlier deadline of March 15.

"Although more space is available than last year," says Publicity Chairman Glen Havens, "exhibitors are requested to submit their applications as early as possible in order to secure a display area."

Peddler's Alley will be held at the Festival again this year. "This is the place to sell your wares," any handmade item may be sold, including crafts of all types, plants, even baked goods.

Booth space is limited to the size of a card table, and each participant must furnish their own set-up. "The only people excluded from Peddler's Alley are those who operate craft stores," says Havens.

People to contact for various categories are the following: Publicity Chairman - Glen Havens, 205 Northside Drive, Enterprise

Art and Miscellaneous Crafts - Mrs. Nancy Brunson, O. Box 698, Enterprise

Photography and Needlework - Mrs. Dwight S. Bond, 707 Northside Dr., Enterprise

Literary - Mrs. Jewel Ellen Smith, Rt. 2, Box 375, Enterprise

Peddler's Alley - Kally or Steve McGucken, 119 Pinehurst, Enterprise

Whoever exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbly himself shall be exalted. (Holy Bible)

The life of a Nation will never rise higher than its source - the Home, nor ever sink below it.

As goes Home, so goes the Nation.

There will be a quartet singing at the Tarentum Community Center Sat. night, March 6th, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Featured quartets will be "The Singing Senn Family" from Clinton, Ala. and "The Singing Pilgrims" from Kinston, Ala. Refreshments will be available.

A small admission will be charged. Everyone invited.

There will be a Cemetery Meeting at Danley Cross Roads Saturday, March 6, 1976, at 10:00 a.m.

Purpose of the meeting is to elect cemetery members. All interested persons are urged to attend.

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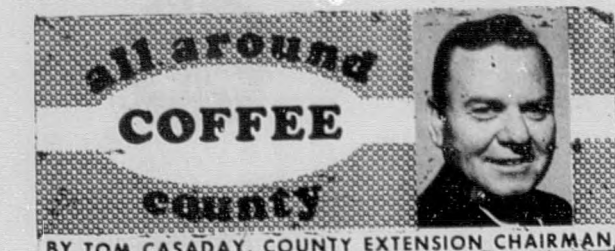
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COFFEE PRODUCTION
Quite a few farmers ask me about supplying lime where they are renting land. In many cases where a person will rent land for one year, the landowner will share to some extent the cost of the lime. However, even if the landowner is unwilling to participate, it will still pay to lime the land.

Peasants are a high value crop. A ton of lime spread usually costs from \$12 to \$15. We think this is a good investment and will certainly make the grower a profit. After all, most folks are interested in making the maximum amount of profit on each acre. Lime, if needed, will make a lot of things possible. W. J. Smith of Knottwood told me this week that getting the soil pH at the right level was his No. 1 goal each year before he planted a crop.

PICK YOUR OWN
A few Coffee County farmers ask me about planting vegetable crops where consumers can come in and "pick their own." Fruit and orchard people have done this in some parts of the country for years. A few Coffee County vegetable growers invite people to come in and pick their own beans or whatever for so much a bushel or pound. The "pick your own" method is becoming more popular. It will probably

become even more advantageous in the years ahead if the prices of vegetables increase some.

Of course, this would not be a good program for every vegetable grower, but many of them will enjoy this type of marketing.

RECOMMENDED VARIETIES
Our recommended crop varieties are as follows: Early to mid-season recommended corn varieties are Pioneer 3389 A, McCurdy 67-14, McNair S 338, and Funk's G-4782. For Fall Season varieties, we recommend Funk's G-5945, Pioneer 3147, Coker 77, Coker 54, Pioneer 3030, Pioneer 3007, and McNair 508. Recommended peanut varieties are Florunner and Florigrant. Recommended soybean varieties are Davis, McNair 800, Hutton, Tracy, Lee 74, and Coker 338.

THOROUGH

As we approach this crop year, I want to urge Coffee County farmers to do a thorough job of land preparation and plant and weed control. I talked about this with A. D. Fuller, who lives in the Roston Community in northeast Coffee County. I tried to emphasize



Members of the Coffee County Extension Council Hop Committee are shown making plans for educational activities in 1976. Left to right are Joe Danley, president of the committee, H. J. Harrell, secretary, and J. R. Speed, Extension farm agent.

the importance of doing each job to time.

Some farmers in the county have a tendency to run two to four weeks behind the best time to do things. This always lowers yields and profits. We have had beautiful weather to get our land preparation underway. This has probably been the driest February we have had in years. The March rainfall will probably make up for it. Let's just hope that we don't have a repeat of last year's massive floods.

Stinson, Dolan Averett, O. V. Waters, H. J. Harrell, Linda Rials, secretary, and J. R. Speed, Extension farm agent.

4-H CLUB NEWS

4-H BOYS MEET
We met in Mrs. Mitchell's room on February 17, 1976. Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Johnston gave us an opportunity to enter these three contests: 4-H Electrical Demonstration, Fashion Show, 4-H Small Engines Demonstration.

Our program was "How To Save Energy." Carl Sykes entered the 4-H Small Engines Demonstration in New Brockton, and Ken Knight won a blue ribbon in the 4-H Study Lamp program.

Philip Brown won a blue ribbon in the 4-H Woodworking contest, and Eddie Boswell won a red ribbon.

Mrs. Pope and Mrs. Johnston announced that the Record Book contest would be in March.

Then the meeting was closed.

KEN KNIGHT, Reporter

Ford's Economic Plans Applauded by Industry

In his State of the Union address, President Ford outlined the economic emphasis in the right direction—away from government growth and toward private sector growth. National Association of Manufacturers President E. Douglas Kenna said in a statement.

"Reliance for job creation on government spending and deficits and on expansion of government powers, has been a conspicuous failure. It has led instead to new highs in unemployment and inflation." Mr. Kenna observed. "It is time to turn in the other direction and free resources for economic growth in the private sector. We support the President in this historic effort and we hope that Congress will also support him."

Mr. Kenna said the President's job creation proposals aimed at sustained non-inflationary growth should receive immediate attention. He emphasized the President's recommendations for an additional \$10 billion tax reduction, based on cutting the growth of federal spending in half, the recognition of the need to reduce tax obstacles to productive investment, and the changes in estate taxes to enable smaller businesses to survive and balance federal budget by 1979, if not sooner.

These are challenges the 94th Congress can meet, Mr.

Kenna said. A workable national energy policy, a strengthened national defense posture, and a renewed dedication to a bipartisan foreign policy and intelligence capability are equally important ingredients to assure a strong America in this bicentennial era, Mr. Kenna concluded.

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The Soil Conservation Service has announced the reprinting of a widely used SCS publication, "Conquest of the Land Over 7,000 Years." The author of the journal, written in 1942, was Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, a pioneer in soil and water conservation.

In 1938, the U.S. Department of Agriculture commissioned Lowdermilk to make a survey of land use in the older European and Asian countries in the interest of conserving our own land resources.

The land bears a record of what man wrote on it," Lowdermilk said.

In his tour of England, Holland, France, Italy, North Africa, and the Near East, Lowdermilk followed agriculture from its beginnings 7,000 years ago to modern times. He observed fields that had been in cultivation for a thousand years. The publication is a prophetic account of his search for reasons why land that once supported thousands of people lay now in abject

desolation. He tells why erosion acted as a catalyst in the desertification and destruction of many advancing civilizations.

"One of the most important findings on this survey of the use of land through 7,000 years," Lowdermilk said, "is that the tillers of soil have encountered their greatest problem throughout the centuries in trying to establish a permanent agriculture on sloping lands."

The publication, AIB-99, "Conquest of the Land Over

7,000 Years," is available from your local Soil Conservation Service office.

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Women's Page

Miss Tanya Williams To Marry Mr. Damon

Miss Tanya Lloyd Williams and David Edward Damon will be married March 20th at Whitehaven Presbyterian Church, Memphis Tennessee.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas Williams, Jr. of 1085 Craigwood Rd., Memphis, Tenn. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Allen, of Jack, Alabama, and Mrs. L. T. Williams, Sr. and the late Mr. Williams of Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Damon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Damon of Cordova, Tenn. and the grand-son of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Stovall and Mrs. Emma Damon of Nashville, Tenn.

The bride-elect graduated from Whitehaven High School and attended the University of Tenn., at Martin. She is currently employed as a legal secretary for Dunlap Cannon, III, Atty. at Law.

Mr. Damon is a graduate of Hillcrest High School and received his BA degree in

Marketing at the University of Tenn., at Knoxville. He was Vice President of the Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity and is presently employed as regional manager with Letrasat, USA.

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Helping "Daddy Backer" celebrate his 72nd birthday were: Mrs. Ethel Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spurlin and Shane, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Jr., and Stephanie and Jennifer, Mrs. J. L. Larkins and Mrs. R. B. Hudson, all of Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Grantham, Dora and Michelle of Lakeland, FL, Mr. Kenneth Grantham and Mr. and Mrs. Kim Fuller and Michelle Laris.

The Lawrence Bowers family had as their guest over the weekend, Debbie, Mike and Chris Parrish, of Montgomery.

Damon Jones, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Jones, spent Saturday night with his aunt and cousin, Grace and Gayle Day, of Opp.

The Piggly Wiggly is missing one of their pleasant workers due to illness this week. Mrs. Carolyn Danford, check-out clerk, is home feeling under the weather. Brannon weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 24 inches long.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Smith, Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. James Boswell, of Montgomery and formerly of Elba.

Great-grandparents of the new arrival are Mrs. Eunice

Linda Carpenter is the joyous winner of \$107.30. She correctly answered a quiz question in a contest being conducted by an Enterprise radio station.

Misses Margaret Cox, Kathy Tucker and Michele Cox, dance students of Dorothy Rainer-Sellers, attended a "Dance Work-

shop" held Saturday in De-funias Springs, FL.

Mr. R. C. Grantham was honored Sunday, February 22nd with a birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spurlin on the Opp highway.

R. C. and his family enjoyed a delicious meal of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings. An extra treat was R.C.'s first birthday cake—a beautiful green, yellow and white sheet cake.

Helping Stephanie celebrate this occasion were: her young-er sister, Jennifer, Sherri Kennet, Toni Hudson, Stacey Carpenter, Pam Madison, Wendy and Amy Bowers, Lulu Powell, Dawn Williams, Aleah Hudson, Gina and Daphne Donaldson, Millie Pearce, Tiffany Harper, Margaret Cox, Tabitha Powe, Kathy Tucker, Karen Grider, Sandi McColough, Lana Lee, Susan King, Kim Fuller and Michelle Laris.

Among our know-all and hospitalized are Mr. J. L. Poole who is confined to the Coffee General and Judge Eric Paul in a Birmingham hospital.

BIRTHS

BRANNON KEITH BOSWELL

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Keith Boswell (nee Delia Smith), born February 20, 1976 at 12:26 p.m.

One General Hospital. Upon arrival, Brannon weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 24 inches long.

His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Smith, Elba, and Mr. and Mrs. James Boswell, of Montgomery and formerly of Elba.

Great-grandparents of the new arrival are Mrs. Eunice

Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and Mrs. Mila Boswell, all of Elba.

Both mother and baby are doing fine.

THOMAS ANDREW LAVENDER

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Lavender (nee Kathy Sanders) of Headland are the proud parents of a line baby boy, Thomas Andrew. He arrived February

22, 1976 at 5 a.m. in the Southeast General Hospital in Dothan weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs.

Adoring grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marion Sanders, of the Roston Community, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavender of the Rocky Head Community in Dale County. The baby has one great-grandmother, Mrs. J. O. Sanders, Rt. 1, Jack.

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Sports

Ricky Mularz Sports Editor

ANDY DUMPS ELBA 73-53

The Elba Tigers saw their hopes of a state tournament berth dashed last week when they lost to Andalusia, 73-53, in the semi-finals of the Region II Area III basketball tournament.

The Tigers came out playing inspired ball and trailed only 14-10 after five minutes of play. The highly-favored Bulldogs began to pull away late in the quarter, and owned a 20-12 lead after one quarter of play.

The teams swapped buckets early in the second period, and with 8:40 left in the half the Tigers trailed 34-16. Elba staged a mild rally and rode the hot-hand of Terry Barnes to cut the "Dogs lead to 26-32 with 4:00 showing on the clock. However, Barnes picked up his third foul with 3:42 left in the quarter, and Andalusia went red-hot to pull away. The Bulldogs poured in 15 straight points during a three-minute span and took a 41-24 halftime advantage.

Andalusia continued to dominate play in the third quarter, and blew Elba off the court in taking a 56-26 lead with 3:22 remaining in the period. James Ray Daniels hit Elba's initial field goal of the half with only 2:31 left in the period. The Tigers hit only 4 of 23 shots in the third stanza, and allowed Andalusia to take a 56-23 advantage.

Andalusia coach Richard Robertson put his starters back in the game in the fourth quarter, and apparently wanted to see how bad he could beat the out-manned Tigers. Elba refused to quit, but could only succeed in keeping the score respectable, and Andalusia won, 73-53.



TEDDY BARNES (32) FIRES IN TWO-POINTER

Elba 12 12 11 18 - 53
And 20 21 13 19 - 73

Elba was led by the "Barnes Men," Terry and Teddy. Terry pumped in 18 points and grabbed 8 rebounds, while Teddy chipped in 14 points and hauled down 7 rebounds.

"TOUCHDOWN TWIN'S" LEAD ELBA TO 10-0 SEASON

Marlin Dyess and Mack Wise, Elba High School's "Touchdown Twins," combined their gridiron talents during the 1975 football season to lead the Tigers to an undefeated 10-0 season.

The 10 victories gave Elba's football team a 24-game winning streak.

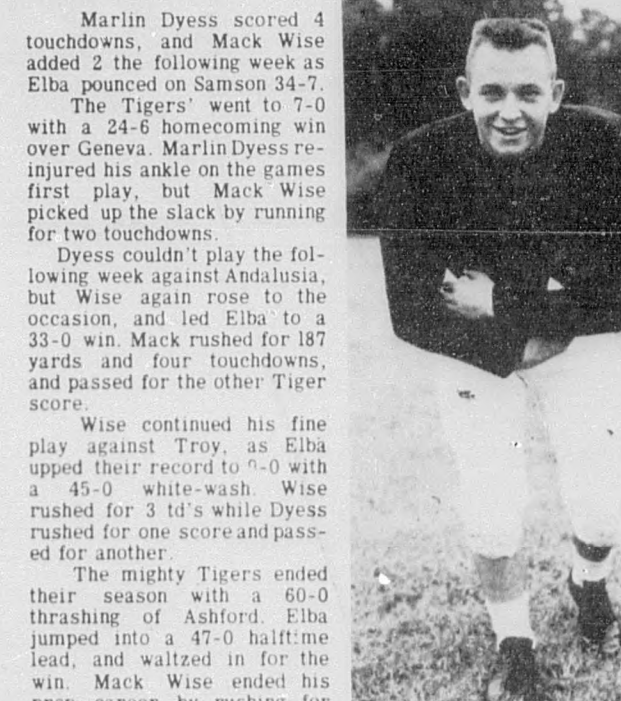
Elba kicked off the season by blasting Liverside 47-0. Dyess and Wise each tallied three times to pace the win.

The Tigers' second win was a narrow 13-7 decision over Opp. Marlin Dyess was injured early in the first quarter, but came off the bench in the final period and sealed the victory by dashing 70 yards for a score.

The third week of the season saw the Tigers' upstart the tough Enterprise Wildcats, 21-12. Dyess scored two touchdowns in the first half, and Elba's record went to 4-0 with a 34-0 rout over Florida.

Marlin Dyess raced 70 yards on the game's initial play, and later led a 50-yard score, a pass to Rex Boutwell. Mack Wise tallied once on a 73-yard jaunt.

The Tigers claimed win No. 5 by crushing Hartford 33-6. The "T.D. Twins" added two touchdowns each to pace the win.



MACK WISE

The Tigers' "Touchdown Twins" both signed scholarships to Alabama, and are both a major part of Elba's rich football history.

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SPRING FOOTBALL TRAINING UNDERWAY AT E.H.S.

Elba High School began its annual spring football practice last Thursday night under the direction of new coach Mack Wise.

The spring drills will last for 3 weeks, and will be concluded with a Black and Gold intra-squad game. The Tigers will not participate in a jamboree.

Coach Champion reported earlier this week that between 90 and 100 boys are out for spring training, and that he has divided the players into two groups. One group consists of Juniors and Sophomores, while the other group is made up of boys from grades 7-9.

Champion said he divided the squad because there were too many boys to practice all together, and I didn't want the younger boys to have to scrimmage against the older players.

In an interview Monday

afternoon, Champion said, "practice is going real smooth. All the boys are willing to work hard, and they are picking up the new system real well."

Champion remarked that he is putting in a complete new system from the one used by Elba in the past few seasons.

When asked about the players' attitudes about spring training, Champion said, "The boys here have a much better attitude than the boys at Home-wood. The boys here are willing to buckle down and give it 100%. They're a fine bunch of kids."

Coach Champion reported that the drills are now at full speed, and encourages the Tigers' fans to come out and watch practice.

In closing, Champion said, "I'm optimistic about the upcoming season. If the boys play up to their potential, we should have a good season."



COACH CHAMPION DEMONSTRATES NEW BLOCKING TECHNIQUES TO ENDS

New Brockton Falls To Comer 52-50

Jesse Upshaw sank both ends of a one-and-one free throw with only 7 seconds left in the game to give the Rebels a 52-50 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, last Saturday night in Clayton.

The win gives the King Kongs the Class A Region 2 championship and earns them the right to participate in the state tournament. Rebecca Comer closed the regular season with a 27-3 record. New Brockton ends the season with a 17-10 slate.

Rebecca Comer opened the game in a man-to-man press, but New Brockton solved the King Kong defense, and jumped into a 5-2 lead with 5:20 left in the opening stanza. Comer closed to within two points at 10-8, but Billy Edwards began to dominate the boards, and dropped in two buckets to give the Gamecocks a 14-8 lead.

At halftime, New Brockton's 23-23 vs. Auburn (27-5), at 6:00 p.m.; Bradshaw (22-8) vs. Selma (23-5) at 9:00 p.m.

Billy Edwards popped in a fade-away jumper to put New Brockton back in front at 16-14, and then hit two free-throws to up the lead to 18-14. With 3:02 left in the half, Ray Charles McClain hit from the corner to give New Brockton a 24-20 advantage. McClain's bucket seemed to ignite the Gamecocks, who closed out the quarter by scoring 8 straight points. At halftime New Brockton seemed in complete control, owning a 32-20 lead.

At halftime, New Brockton's 32-20 lead. Billy Edwards had 13 points, while teammate Ray McClain had 10.

The third quarter tipped off with Comer running and gunning. The Kongs hit 14 unanswered points following an early Gamecock bucket, and pulled into a 34-34 tie with 1:02 left in the period.

Dyess couldn't play the front-end of a one-and-one free throw with 55 left to put New Brockton ahead 32-34. The point was New Brockton's first in over 6 minutes of play. Rebecca Comer hit the stanza's final 2 buckets, and after three quarters of play the Kings had charged in front 38-35.

New Brockton came down the court playing for the last shot, but Pruitt's jumper missed with .07 left, and Comer's Upshaw was fouled in grabbing the rebound, setting up his heroics.

New Brockton had one final chance to tie the score, but Pruitt's half court heave hit the rim and bounced off giving Comer the win, 52-40.

Comer's lead went to 40-35 with 7:15 left in the game, and it looked like the King Kongs were about to run away from the Gamecocks. The Class A powers swapped buckets to make the score 42-37, but New Brockton's Frank Smith hit a jumper to close to 42-37. Comer owned a 44-40 lead with 5:31 remaining in the game, only to see the Gamecocks' Ray McClain make a 3-point play, to pull the "Big Red Machine" within one point at 44-43. Fred Pruitt bagged a long jumper to put New Brockton in front 45-46. With 3:00 left in the game Gamecock coach Hank Kennedy called time-out to plot his strategy. The N. B. lead went to 48-45 with 2:14 left, and seconds later Billy Edwards popped a shot to up their lead to 50-46. Comer cut the lead to 50-48 with .54 left, and tied the score at 50-50 with .21 remaining in the game.

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CALF SHOW WINNERS

The 39th Annual Coffee County Beef Cattle Show was held at the Farm Center in New Brockton on March 1, 1976.

Winners are as follows:
Grand Champion - a Short-horn Hereford Cross weighing 555 pounds; and
Reserve Champion - a straight Hereford Breed weighing 540 pounds - both by MIKE FLOYD, FFA member from Kinston.

SENIOR SHOWMANSHIP
First place - LOUIE WATSON, 4-H'er from New Brockton;
Second - MIKE FLOYD, 4-H'er from Elba 8th grade;
Third - RICKY DORMAN, 4-H member from New Hope.

JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP
First place - HAYES WHITE, Elba, 7th grade 4-H'er;
Second - JEFF HATCHER, 4-H'er from Elba 8th grade;
Third - RYAN FLOWERS, 4-H member from Zion Chapel 8th grade.

The steers were divided into three classes according to weight and placed as follows:

LIGHTWEIGHT -
1st - Ricky Dorman
2nd - Tammy Weatherford, Goodman
3rd - Tim Brown, Elba
4th - Mike Meeks, Enterprise
5th - Nancy Lunsford
6th - Ryan Flowers
7th - Jeff Hatcher

MIDDLEWEIGHT
1st - Mike Floyd
2nd - Chris Sessions, Kinston
3rd - Tony Brown, Elba
4th - Brad Jones, Hillcrest
5th - Brad Jones, Hillcrest
6th - Louie Watson
7th - Hayes White
8th - Ryan Flowers

HEAVYWEIGHT
1st - Mike Floyd
2nd - Marty Flowers, Zion
3rd - Mike Meeks
4th - Randy White, Elba
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DEL HAVEN SLICED BACON LB. \$1.49
SAUSAGE LB. \$1.49
FRANKS 1½-LB. PKG. \$1.39
BACON LB. 99¢
LIVER LB. 79¢
RED HOTS 1½-LB. PKG. \$1.39

DEL MONTE CATSUP 14-OZ. BTL. **3 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE Pineapple/Grapefruit or Pineapple/Orange

Fruit Drinks 2 46-OZ. CANS **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE CUT or FRENCH CUT GREEN BEANS 16-OZ. CANS **5 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE CHOPPED Spinach 4 15-OZ. CANS **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE FRUIT COCKTAIL 303 CANS **3 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE Pear Halves 3 303 CANS **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE PEACHES 303 CANS **3 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE CREAM or WHOLE KERNEL GOLDEN CORN 17-OZ. CANS **3 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE EARLY GARDEN SWEET PEAS 303 CANS **3 \$1.00**

DEL MONTE EARLY GARDEN Lima Beans 2 303 CANS **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE MIXED Vegetables 4 16-OZ. CANS **\$1.00**

DEL MONTE SHREDDED Sauerkraut 4 16-OZ. CANS **\$1.00**

FROSTY ACRES POT PIES 8-OZ. SIZE **3 \$1.00**

FROSTY ACRES 9" PIE SHELLS 2 2 CT. PKGS. **99¢**

FROSTY ACRES WAFFLES 4 5-OZ. PKGS. **89¢**

FRESH GREEN CABBAGE LB. **10¢**

FRESH PASCAL CELERY 3 FOR **\$1.00**

VINE RIPE TOMATOES 3 LBS. **\$1.00**

WASHINGTON STATE U.S. No. 1 Red Delicious APPLES 10 FOR **\$1.00**

MORNING GLORY LARGE EGGS DOZEN **69¢**

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Board Increases Water Rates

The Elba Water and Electric Board met Tuesday night, with 12 members present. Chairman Charles Hayes III presided over the meeting.

The board handled several routine items of business before moving on to discuss a water rate increase and a bond issue of \$250,000.

A full power application from Larry Grantham was approved and bills totaling \$2,121.13 were approved. Chairman Hayes commented that Board employees had been working hard to get

the bills down and it apparently was working, as this was the lowest total bills in many months.

The increase in water rates approved by the Board will net about \$35,000 a year to the Board and was necessary to borrow the money needed to upgrade the electric system in areas where low voltage exists and where overloading is a probability by this summer.

The rate increase, which is effective April 1st, increases the minimum residential bill

from \$2.50 to \$3.55. This is for up to 3,000 gallons of water a month. The next 2,000 gallons of water will cost 85¢ a thousand and the rate will drop to the point where all water over 50,000 gallons a month will cost 45¢ a thousand.

Prior to the increase the average usage of water cost \$4.50, according to information released at the meeting.

The Board members acknowledged that the \$35,000 was more than was needed to cover

See map on Page 11.

Board Views Improvements At High School - Cost \$613,000

The Elba City School Board met Thursday night in the Superintendent's office. This was the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board.

Board members discussed with school architects who had surveyed the needed repairs to the high school and estimated on these repairs and also estimates on some additional construction and remodeling at the schools.

The work included repairs to halls, classrooms, restrooms, etc., and remodeling of the lunchroom and construction of a new library in the area of the burned out gym. Also included was converting the existing library into classrooms.

The total cost of all this work was estimated by the architects at \$613,000. The school has \$224,354.84 in a state bond issue that is yet unused but earmarked for the Elba schools. It must be used for capital outlay and can't be used to pay salaries or buy supplies.

The purpose of the survey, according to Board members, was to have in hand a plan for upgrading the school plant as money became available.

The remodeling of the lunchroom was estimated at \$46,000 and new equipment for the kitchen estimated at \$80,000. The cost of building the new resource center (library) was estimated at \$277,000. This

\$35,000 for moveable equipment.

The architects indicated that their figures were hopefully high but it was better to get with these figures than to get ready to pay the bills and not have enough funds.

In other business the Board voted to purchase liability insurance in view of a Supreme Court ruling last fall. The Board also discussed problems of the school lunchroom with principals of the three Elba schools. Following this discussion, it was voted that lunches in the elementary and middle schools would be increased to 55¢ a day. This was to comply with minimum standards set up by federal regulations. Regulations require that a minimum amount of local effort be spent on each meal before the government will participate in the cost of school lunches. The lunchrooms are presently operating within their income but again are not spending as much on lunch as required by regulations. The new rates are effective immediately after the close of AEA holidays.

Use of school buses for school sponsored trips was approved if the group paid 20¢ a mile and the bus driver's salary. However all such use must be approved by school officials.

Another item discussed by the

Board could have far reaching effect. The Board discussed the rights of school employees to run for public office and noted that the Board has no authority to forbid such activity. However it was concluded that the Board does have the authority to require that employees work certain hours during the day. Following this, the Board instructed Sup. Elmer Taylor that it expected all teachers to be present in the school during the normal working hours for teachers.

Braswell Tells Rotary About Area Firm

Neil Braswell, left, president and chief engineer of Enterprise Electronics, Inc., Enterprise, Alabama, was guest speaker at the Elba Rotary Club on Monday of this week. Rotarian Robert Marsh, right, was in charge of the program. Braswell told the group how



Holley Joins Rotary

Mr. Jimmy Holley was recently presented with his official pin indicating that he was a member of the Elba Rotary Club. Holley, who is president of Elba Tractor Company,

became a member of the Elba Rotary Club only a few weeks ago. Presenting the pin and other "goodies" is club president Rev. Robert Davis.

Hospital Announces New Doctors In Town

An announcement this week by Elba General Hospital Administrator Jim Nichols reveals that the shortage of doctors in the Elba area has been temporarily relieved. Three doctors from Ft. Rucker will rotate here during their off time at the Army base to furnish medical services to local people. The doctors come with the blessings of both Dr. Crook and Dr. Kinney, both of whom have been handling all the sick people they can possibly see and yet may have been unable to see a local doctor during the past week.

The doctors, Dr. Carter, Dr. Duke and Dr. Hinzman will staff the office for use by Dr. White and at least one of them will be on duty from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located on North Claxton (Whitman Apartments).

Nichols stated Wednesday morning that each of these men is highly qualified. He stressed that this is a temporary solution and that both he and others are actively searching for additional doctors to locate in Elba permanently.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE HAVE OPENINGS IN SEVERAL JOBS

The Alabama State Personnel Department has announced examinations for filling present vacancies in the following positions:

Traffic Safety Field Coordinator II (\$1,271-\$13,832)
Traffic Safety Field Coordinator III (\$1,376-\$15,678)
Building Guide (\$5,187-\$8,825)
Capitol Hostess (\$7,553-\$9,347)
Communications Technician I (\$10,556-\$12,766)
Communications Technician II (\$11,646-\$14,451)
Rehabilitation Counselor II (\$11,271-\$13,832)
Library Assistant II (\$8,047-\$10,102)
Laboratory Technician I (\$6,537-\$8,398)
Seed Analyst I (\$7,683-\$9,841)

Full information and application forms may be obtained from the State Personnel Department at Montgomery or from any local office of the State Employment Service. Applications should be filed by March 15, 1976.

SMOKE POURS OUT OF THE OLD CITY DUMP DESPITE RULES THAT ASK NO FIRES BE SET

Deborah Hocutt Travels With Wagontrain

Pictured is Miss Deborah Hocutt of Elba, with Chief Arthur Turner and Mayor Rod Etheridge of Greenville. The trio was exchanging beads last Saturday morning in Florida as the Bicentennial Wagon Train entered Alabama. Deborah is traveling with the Wagon Train. See related story inside.



Thieves At Work Here

Elba has suffered what seems to be a rash of stolen vehicles this week. Two automobiles and a motorcycle were reported stolen on Monday and Tuesday. One of the cars has been recovered but no arrest have been made.

W. T. Bryan reported to local police that his 1968 Chevrolet was stolen from the Dorsey parking lot while he was at work Monday. The car was recovered Tuesday in Enterprise. It had been abandoned on a log road.

Mr. Durrell Hudson reported that a 1966 Chevrolet had been taken from the Elba Motor Company lot sometime after 4 p.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. Monday. This car has not been recovered.



MACARTHUR STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE BUSINESS EDUCATION instructors, Mrs. Ann Bruce, Mrs. Edwina Gaskin and Mr. Percy Dyess, plan their schedule for the spring quarter which begins on March 15. Training in General Clerical, Stenography, and Accounting is offered to business education students. Students in the General Clerical program of study may work toward a diploma while students in Stenography and Accounting may earn a diploma or an associate in Applied Technology Degree.

Open House Set For New School

The Coffee County Board of Education announces an Open House for Project Independence to be held at the Warren Smith School in New Brockton on Monday, March 15, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Project Independence is a model program for the State of Alabama designed to provide educational services for the severely and profoundly handicapped children of Coffee County.

Guests at the occasion will include Mrs. Jere Beasley, wife of the Lt. Governor of Alabama, Mrs. Annie Lee Cherry, State School Board member, members of the county and city governing bodies, and representatives of the State Department of Education.

Mr. J. H. Baker, Coffee County superintendent, invites all citizens of Coffee County to attend.

Students from the areas of Mt. Pleasant, Goodman, New Hope, Zion Chapel, Kinston, New Brockton, Elba and Enterprise are currently being served.



MR. F. D. MORROW, electronics instructor at MacArthur State Technical College and William Mark Smith, electronics student from Crestview, Fla., check out new electronic equipment for use at the beginning of the spring quarter, March 15.

POOR ORIGINAL